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For: POLYMER-BASED ORTHOPEDIC
SCREW AND DRIVER SYSTEM
WITH INCREASED INSERTION
TORQUE TOLERANCE AND
ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR
MAKING AND USING SAME

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Pedro Philogene

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Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully petitions for an one-month extension of time to
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January 16, 2004 to February 17, 2004.

A \$110 fee is due in connection with the filing of this Petition and the accompanying
Amendment. The Examiner is authorized to charge this \$110 fee to Deposit Account No.
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